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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on fresh and frozen 8-16 lb. hens and 16-24 lb. toms was steady to weak. Limited trading was reported for immediate ship. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings of fresh and frozen whole birds was light to adequate. The market tone on bulk parts and meats was steady to barely steady. Trading was light to moderate. Offerings were mixed, light to adequate.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading centered on tom drums, full-cut wings and thigh meat, balance of items was slow. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings were mixed, light to adequate.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

For December 6, 2007	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	85-90	87.5	87.50	120	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	85-90	87.5-88.5	87.64	140	-	-	-	100	DEC
WESTERN REGION 5/	85-91	89-91	90.00	240	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	85-90	87-89	88.43	56	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	85-90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	85-91	89-91	89.67	240	-	-	-	-	-

For December 7, 2007	CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/				FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	84-90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	84-90	89	89.00	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	85-90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	85-90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	85-90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	85-90	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment.

7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, DENTS PER LB, DELIVERED, (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK ENDING December 7, 2007	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	88.00	92.07	84.17
CENTRAL REGION	87.83	91.94	86.26
WESTERN REGION	90.00	94.00	77.60 **
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	88.43	91.60	87.64
CENTRAL REGION	88.30**	91.50	88.64
WESTERN REGION	89.67	92.20**	76.70 **

*BASED ON OFFERS

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	125-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	122-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	121-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	121-149
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	121-149

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L. A. AREA) PROCESSED
TURKEY DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	120-129
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-92
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-92
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	88-92

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers), Week of 10-DEC-2007

Price (cents/lb.)	Volume (lbs.)
PRICED AT TIME OF SALE	
8-16 lbs. 105.19	7,131,000
16-24 lbs. 104.22	3,211,000
PRICE TO BE DETERMINED	
8-16 lbs. --	500,000
16-24 lbs. --	500,000
Total Volume: 11,342,000	

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 01-DEC-2007 (Preliminary)

	-----Young turkeys-----			Old	Total turkeys	
	Pct Chg	Avg		Banded		Avg
-Thousand Head-	Prev wk	Live wt		--Thousand head--		Live wt
North East	753	63	24.65	(A)	755	24.65
South Atlantic	821	93	35.06	(A)	823	35.06
North Central	2,141	51	33.67	(A)	2,142	33.67
South Central	814	216	18.61	(A)	815	18.61
West	510	207	22.24	(A)	511	22.24
U.S. total	5,039 (B)	85	28.96	7	5,046	28.96
To-date						
2007	224,471 (B)			250	224,721	
To-date						
2006	219,539 (B)			205	219,744	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turkeys included: this week 49,000; for the current year to date 1,180,000; for last year to date 1,315,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(In thousand pounds)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

October	538,674*
November 1 - 30, 2007	480,113*

To date 2007	5,000,700*
To date 2006	4,889,380*

*Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

W/E 01-DEC-2007 (Preliminary)

	Young		Young	Old	Total
	Hens	Toms	Breeders		Turkeys
	-----Thousands-----				
Head	2,163	2,827	49	7	5,046
Avg Wt	16.23	38.74	26.71	28.30	28.96
Last week	965	1,745	16	8	2,734
Same wk yr ago	1,937	2,645	33	1	4,616
Avg Wt	15.76	38.73	26.40	61.64	29.01
To-date/2007	95,891	127,400	1,180	250	224,721
To-date/2006	94,368	123,856	1,315	205	219,744

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 06 DECEMBER 2007.

The market tone on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins was steady to weak, balance of white meat steady to barely steady. Demand on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins light to instances moderate, balance of white meat ranged light to moderate with instances of increased activity noted when compared to previous weeks. Offerings of tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins mixed and held with varied degrees of confidence, balance light to adequate. The market tone on thigh meat was mostly steady with some sellers indicating strength while others note instances of unsettledness. Inquiry light to moderate for the irregular availability. Trading slow to moderate and centered on fresh 4-8 lb. breasts for the upcoming holidays and on tom wings for export, balance slow. For domestic: hearts and livers 15 pet foods, hearts 24 cents delivered. For export: tom necks 53 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	135.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	145.00-165.00		146.56	307
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	125.00	120
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	60.00		60.00	56
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	59.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	58.00		58.00	21
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	47.00-49.00		47.32	95
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	45.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	60.00		60.00	14
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	71.50	40
NECKS, TOM	54.00-56.00		54.84	69
NECKS, HEN	55.00		55.00	12
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	183.00		183.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	191.00-194.00		192.00	60
THIGH MEAT	96.00-97.00		96.80	102
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	95.00-98.00		95.98	169
BREAST TRIM MEAT				
SCAPULA MEAT	70.00		70.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	73.50-74.00		73.75	80
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	170.00		170.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		M	182.17	23
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.00-18.00		17.33	120
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	17.00		17.00	42
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	59.00-59.50		59.25	160
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	47.00		47.00	364
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	59.00	624
TAILS		W	26.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN		W	97.00	80

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on tom bulk parts has been mostly steady. Demand light to moderate with increased interest noted on tom full-cut wings for domestic and export. Offerings light to adequate. The market tone on tom breast meat was steady to instances weak with some noting less discounting. Demand light to instances moderate. Offerings mixed ranging from light to instances ample, mostly adequate to fully adequate. The market tone on mechanically separated turkey (MST) was generally steady. Demand light to instances moderate for the mostly adequate offerings. Trading slow to moderate. Fresh tom breast meat traded with a 220 cent floor and a 260 cent ceiling for 2008 shipments. For domestic (fresh): wing meat with skin 83, scapula 84-87, breast trim 123, frozen plant grade basted 20-24 lb. breasts 175 cents delivered. For export: frozen -20% -60 days age MST 14, fresh tom drums 56-57, scapula 73 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		T	135.00	160	135.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	199.00		199.00	153	164.00	460
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/	123.00		123.00	8	124.83	218
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	48.00		48.00	6	58.84	62
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		M	59.00	80	59.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	58.00		58.00	40	57.94	70
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	47.00-48.00		47.35	253	47.42	668
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	45.00	40	45.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	57.00		57.00	20	58.30	94
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	71.50	40	71.50	40
NECKS, TOM	54.00		54.00	10	54.18	331
NECKS, HEN		R	55.00	12	53.93	42
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		R	183.00	80	183.00	80
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	187.00-191.00		189.00	320	190.65	620
THIGH MEAT		R	96.80	102	96.89	190
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	96.00-97.00		96.57	126	96.23	295
BREAST TRIM MEAT	120.00		120.00	40	120.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	71.00		71.00	40	70.11	360
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	71.00-72.00		71.50	80	72.78	180
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		R	170.00	20	170.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	175.00		175.00	6	180.69	29
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		R	17.33	120	17.25	160
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	16.50-18.50		17.11	108	17.19	170
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	59.00-60.00		59.98	318	59.43	745
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	48.00		48.00	34	47.57	603
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		M	59.00	624	59.00	624
TAILS		W	26.00	40	27.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	17.00	40		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	96.00-97.00		96.50	80	96.60	200

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